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**CLUSTER 39**  
**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN (CEMP)**  
**CONGRESS HEIGHTS, WASHINGTON HIGHLANDS, BELLVUE**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. Goal:** The goal of this Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is to assist the residents of the District of Columbia in preparing themselves, their families, their communities and their neighborhoods to cope with any and all types of emergencies.
- B. Purpose:** To establish emergency management functions and responsibilities within 39 neighborhood clusters within the District of Columbia. This document will augment the *District Response Plan (DRP)* dated April 4, 2002.

**II. APPLICATION**

- A. Scope:** The CEMP will apply to any public emergency, which is defined in DC Code 7-2301 as a disaster, catastrophe, or an emergency situation where the health, safety or welfare of persons in the District are threatened. This plan considers the emergencies and disasters likely to occur as described in the *District of Columbia Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Study (HIVS)*.

**III. ORGANIZATION**

- A. Framework:** The DRP provides the framework for how the District of Columbia will respond to any and all emergencies. This plan takes an all-hazards approach to disaster response, plus unifies and coordinates the efforts of the District's organizations in order to provide a comprehensive and effective approach for responding to and reducing the impacts of an emergency. The DRP describes the functions and activities necessary to implement the four phases of emergency management – mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, as well as the use of community, volunteer, private sector and government resources.
1. The Mayor established the Mayor's Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) in order to maintain, exercise, and review the DRP. The mayor also established an Emergency Preparedness Group (EPG) to support the EPC and establish the framework for ongoing disaster preparedness planning.



2. The District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by District of Columbia Emergency Management Agency (DCEMA) Operation's Officers. During an emergency or disaster the EOC assumes enhanced operations under the incident command system. The level of enhancement is dependent upon the severity of an event. Detailed EOC procedures outlined by the District and an organizational chart are in the DCEMA Emergency Operations Procedures, which are found in the DRP.
3. The DRP employs an Emergency Support Function (ESF) approach that groups direct assistance and operational support that the wards and clusters may need in order to accomplish hazard mitigation and preparedness, plus emergency and disaster response and recovery. The plan consists of:
  - a. The **Basic Plan** presents the policies and concepts of operations that guide how the District agencies will conduct mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities.
  - b. The **Emergency Support Function Annexes (ESFs)** organize the various District agencies and departments into 15 different support functional areas. The ESFs describe the mission, policies, concept of operations, and responsibilities of the primary and support agencies involved in implementation of activities.
  - c. The **Appendices** contain additional pertinent information such as authorities, catalog of agreements, definitions and acronyms, and hazards affecting the District of Columbia.
  - d. The **Supporting Annexes** include additional annexes that are relevant to the DRP.



#### **IV. HAZARD ANALYSIS**

- A.** The District's Hazard Analysis has indicated that there are 15 hazards that could potentially affect the District.
- B.** Cluster 39 has further identified specific information on particular cluster issues that could potentially affect their cluster:
- DC Village, Underground Toxic waste, 4600 block MLK Blvd
  - Blue Plains Sewage Treatment Area
  - Railroad, runs length of 295 into PEPCO Plant
  - Sewers – Cluster wide problem
  - Trees overgrowing onto street lights, signs, and power lines (MLK blvd)
  - Abandoned buildings throughout cluster
  - Rodent control
  - Upkeep of district property (overgrown brush)
  - Abandoned vehicles and junk - Oxen Run Creek, off of Mississippi
  - Limited access for people with disabilities
  - High Crime Area – Personal Safety Concerns
  - Road Maintenance
  - Traffic gridlock, traffic control
  - Suitland Parkway and Stanton Road – Flooding and not unkept
  - Bowling AFB, bad smell, high water at treatment center
  - 1300 block of Stevens Road, flooding
  - Lack of support from District Government
  - Retaining walls/River banks receding away (S. Capitol Area)
  - Lack of firehouses

#### **V. CLUSTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM**

##### **A. Objectives:**

The overall objective of the Cluster Emergency Response Program is to provide the capability for stabilization and recovery within the first few hours to the first few days (72 hours) of a disaster; when governmental services may be unable to respond to all requests for assistance and/or public telephone facilities are not available for communicating requests for aid.



The plan entails a Neighbor-to-Neighbor self-help program. It provides the primary link between citizens and the professional response personnel of the responsible government agencies. When individuals and their neighborhoods are prepared to mutually assist each other immediately after a disaster, lives can be saved, property can be spared and emergency services can focus on responding to the most devastated areas.

This program places a great deal of emphasis on organization, team operations and information gathering. These details are necessary because emergency response procedures are unfamiliar to most people, and only occasionally practiced. Underlying it all though, is the primary objective of assisting our neighbors.

The kind of disasters in which a Cluster ERP response is envisioned includes earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, terrorism, power outages, and major fires.

## **B. Organization**

### **1. Preparedness**

#### **a. Individual Preparedness:**

While the overall goal of the Cluster Emergency Response Program is to develop neighborhood self-sufficiency during times of disaster, preparedness efforts must focus on individuals and families in their homes. A city whose population is prepared at home will see a significant reduction in the need for police, fire and rescue support. All individuals should be prepared to be self sufficient for the first 72 hours after a disaster. Additional information on individual and family preparedness can be obtained from the DC Emergency Management Agency and other organizations such as the Red Cross.

#### **b. Cluster Preparedness:**

Experience has shown that after a major disaster, police, fire, rescue and other emergency support agencies may not be available to many people during the first 72 hours of a disaster. Therefore, neighborhoods must be prepared to care for themselves if necessary during this critical time period. A neighborhood that has organized prior to a disaster will know what to do when the disaster occurs and not waste precious time figuring out who can do what. People and neighborhoods that are prepared will know what to



expect during times of disaster, what to do, and how to come together in an organized, timely response (consequently saving lives).

In order to assist a cluster with preparedness efforts prior to a disaster, a cluster should establish an emergency preparedness committee. The primary purpose of the cluster emergency preparedness committee is to facilitate the development of community and neighborhood based volunteers into a cadre of organized partners who can come together during a disaster. In addition, the Emergency Preparedness Committee is should be responsible for:

1. Coordination of the development of the cluster emergency preparedness plan.
2. Registration of residents who wish to actively participate in the neighborhood or condominium/apartment program.
3. Pre-identifying neighbors and residents who have special skills.
4. Pre-identifying resources that can be shared within the neighborhood or complex in times of disaster.
5. Pre-identifying people with special needs.
6. Identifying neighborhood residents, tenants or owners wishing to assume leadership positions within the neighborhood or condominium/apartment program.
7. Organizing a system of block or neighborhood captains to disseminate urgent disaster information.
8. Supporting the creation of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).
9. Establishing an emergency management organization consisting of neighborhood disaster coordinators and liaisons.
10. The cluster emergency preparedness committee should bring together leaders from the various sectors of the community to coordinate the emergency preparedness efforts. Membership may include elected officials, volunteer groups, community service groups, faith-based groups, advisory neighborhood commissions, wards, voting districts, educational leaders, businesses, and environmental groups. Other representatives could come from specific segments of the community, such as elderly or non-English speaking populations.



### **C. Training**

1. If available, emergency services personnel are the best resource in an emergency. They are trained and equipped to handle emergency situations. However, following a catastrophic disaster, individuals and the communities may be on their own for a period of time because of the size of the area affected, lost communications, and unpassable roads.
2. CERT Training is designed to prepare individuals to help themselves, their family, and their neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel may not be able to help everyone immediately, citizens can make a difference by using the training in this manual to save lives and protect property.
3. This training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. Individuals will want to help. With training and practice and by working as a team, people will be able to do the greatest good for the greatest number after a disaster, while protecting them from becoming a victim.

*The CERT Training funds the George Washington University Medical Center to administer the program. Training is FREE and District residents can register on-line at [www.gwcert.org](http://www.gwcert.org) or call (202) 741-2934.*

### **D. Response**

#### ***Community Emergency Response Teams***

1. CERTs provide direct assistance to neighbors in distress, and will constitute the majority of Cluster Emergency Response Program members. Neighborhoods within the District of Columbia should be encouraged to develop CERT programs.
2. Each team should have a team leader and several members. Its primary responsibility is to its own neighborhood. Teams should have basic personal safety gear (hard hat, gloves, flashlight, whistle), gas shut off tool, small first aid kit, "occupants OK" tags with duct tape and markers, food and water.



3. In the event of a major disaster when government assistance may be delayed, CERTs may have to perform the following functions:
  - Locate and care for the injured and provide basic first aid.
  - Perform rescues within the ability of the team (CERTs are not expected to engage in hazardous rescue activities).
  - Shut off customer level gas and electric utilities to reduce hazards.
  - Communicate needs for outside assistance to government agencies via the Cluster Emergency Coordination Center (CECC) structure.
  - Identify and tabulate damaged structures, roads, and utilities.
  - Assist neighbors who are unable to occupy their homes in finding temporary shelter.
  - Check on persons with disabilities, the elderly or vulnerable populations.

CERTs should be prepared to manage convergent volunteers, that is, people who have not been trained under the CERT program but want to help. They should be asked to identify special skills and where possible, paired up with experience CERT members.

### ***Cluster Emergency Coordination Center***

Each cluster should have a fixed location that can serve as a Cluster Emergency Coordination Center (Cluster ECC). This should be a location that community leaders (e.g., grassroots, political, religious, educational, business, labor, and ethnic) can gather to respond to or obtain assistance and information in the event of a disaster.

Cluster 39 has made several recommendations for an ECC that include:

- Washington Highlands, 15 Atlantic Street, SE
- Ferebee-hope Elementary School, 3999 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE

Ideally, the ECC should be located at a facility, which has emergency power (e.g. generator). The ECC should have a telephone, fax machine, television, copy machine, and computer with internet/email access. Additionally, the



ECC should have a kit with emergency supplies, such as an AM/FM radio and batteries, flashlights, identification tags, first aid kit, clipboards, pens, paper, neighborhood maps and a neighborhood information book. A supply of operational forms should be included, such as personnel check-in forms, damage and injury tally forms, incident status, and CERT Team Assignment Record.

Plans should be made for backup radio communications capability with the District's Emergency Operations Center.

The primary purpose of the Cluster ECC is to:

1. Collect information from the neighborhood CERTs and develop a comprehensive understanding of the emergency situation throughout the cluster.
2. Provide disaster situation information to the District's Emergency Operations Center.
3. Forward specific requests for assistance to the Emergency Operations Center.
4. Receive information from the District on the emergency situation, and make this available to the neighborhood CERTs, community organizations and neighborhoods.
5. Establish a system of runners to disseminate information to neighborhoods in the event normal communication systems fail.
6. Assist neighborhood teams with locating needed supplies and equipment, either in the cluster, from government agencies or other sources.
7. Utilize the skills and knowledge that the neighborhood currently possesses.

Cluster ECCs shall maintain contact with the Community Outreach Coordinator or designee at the District's Emergency Operations Center. The Community Outreach Coordinator is part of ESF #14, Media Relations and Community Outreach. In the event of a widespread disaster, ward based Emergency Command Centers may be established, in such cases cluster ECCs should coordinate with these centers. Additionally, the Community





Outreach Coordinator may assign field team representatives to the clusters (or sectors).

### ***District Emergency Operations Center (EOC)***

The DCEMA operates the District's EOC in order to coordinate the District's actions during an emergency or disaster. The primary EOC is located at the Frank D. Reeves Center (2000 14th St., NW, 8th Floor) with a 24-hour-a-day warning and communications capability. The location of the Alternate Emergency Operations Center (AEOC) is the Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters at 300 Indiana Ave., NW.

## **VI. SPECIFIC CLUSTER RESPONSE GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION**

Neighborhood Cluster 39 is formed by the neighborhoods of Congress Heights, Bellevue, and Washington Highlands. This cluster has an approximate total population of 30,588 (2000 data).

The District of Columbia's Office of Planning has compared the estimated data for Cluster 39 with citywide data and found some interesting differences. For example, Cluster 39 has:

- A population that is generally younger than the rest of the city
- A higher percentage of home renters compared to the rest of the city

The following services are located within Cluster 39.

### **Recreation Centers**

- Congress Heights Recreation Center, 3210 Savannah St, SE
- Ferebee Hope Recreation Center, 8<sup>th</sup> and Yuma St, NW
- Fort Greble Recreation Center, 200 Chesapeake St, SE
- Hart Recreation Center, 601 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Patricia Harris Recreation Center, 4600 Livingston Rd, SE

### **DC Public Schools**

- Ballou Senior High School, 3401 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SE
- Patricia Harris Elementary School, 4600 Livingston Rd, SE
- Hart Middle School, 601 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Draper Elementary School, 908 Wahler Place, SE
- Ferebee-hope Elementary School, 3999 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE



- Green Elementary School, 1500 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Hendley Elementary School, 425 Chesapeake St, SE
- King Elementary School, 3200 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SE
- Leckie Elementary School, 4200 MLK Ave, SW
- Malcolm X Elementary School, 1351 Alabama Ave, SE
- MCGogney Elementary School, 3400 Wheeler Road, SE
- Patterson Elementary School, 4399 S. Capitol Terrace, SW
- Simon Elementary School, 401 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Terrell Elementary School, 301 Wheeler Road, SE

#### **Private Schools**

- St. Thomas Moore
- Assumption

#### **Medical Care Facilities**

- Hadley Hospital, 4601 MLK Ave, SE
- Public Benefit Corporation, Congress Heights Clinic, 3720 MLK Blvd, SE
- Georgetown Community Mobile Pediatrics Van, 4319 Atlantic St, SE
- Greater Southeast Hospital
- Childrens Hospital Clinic, 1329 Rawley Street
- National Children's Center, 3500 MLK Ave, SE
- Congress Heights Health Center

#### **Senior Facilities**

- Rehoboth Baptist Senior Nutrition Center, 621 Alabama Ave, SE
- Senior Wellness Center, 3500 MLK Ave, SE

#### **Libraries**

- Washington Highlands, 15 Atlantic Street, SE

#### **Fire and EMS Stations**

- Station 25, 3203 MLK Ave, NW
- Station 33, 101 Atlantic Street, SE

#### **Police Stations and Police Service Areas**

- PSAs 701, 703, 704, 705, 707, 710



### **Neighborhood Organizations and Groups**

- Congress Heights Civic Association
- Wilburn Homeowners Association
- ANC's
- 7<sup>th</sup> District Citizens Advisory Council
- Walter E. Washington Association

## **CLUSTER SPECIFIC GUIDELINES**

### **1. Homeland Security Advisory System Recommendations**

#### **A. District Information:**

Homeland Security Advisory System Recommendations for neighborhoods, Adopted from the American National Red Cross.

#### **Risk of Attack and Recommended Actions**

##### **SEVERE/ RED**

1. Complete recommended actions at lower levels.
2. Listen to radio/TV for current information/instructions.
3. Be alert to suspicious activity and immediately report it to proper authorities.
4. Adhere to any travel restrictions announced by local governmental authorities.
5. Be prepared to move to the shelter in place/evacuate; and assist neighbors who are elderly or have special needs to also make such moves.

##### **HIGH/ ORANGE**

1. Complete recommended actions at lower levels.
2. Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities.
3. Check on neighbors who are elderly or have special needs to ensure their well-being. Review disaster plan with them.
4. If the need arises, contact the nearest blood collection agency and offer to organize a neighborhood blood drive.



**ELEVATED/ YELLOW**

1. Complete recommended actions at lower levels.
2. Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities.
3. Have neighborhood meeting in order to identify neighbors who are elderly or have special needs. Assist them in development of a personal disaster plan and disaster supplies kit, if requested.

**GUARDED/ BLUE**

1. Complete recommended actions at lower level.
2. Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities.
3. Ask the local Red Cross chapter to offer a presentation called *Preparing for the Unexpected* at an upcoming neighborhood meeting.

**LOW/ GREEN**

1. Have a neighborhood meeting to discuss emergency plans and establish a neighborhood watch.
2. Obtain copies of *Terrorism: Preparing for the Unexpected* brochure from your local Red Cross chapter and distribute it at neighborhood meeting

**B. Cluster Specific Information:**

The District of Columbia has 83 police service areas (PSAs), seven police districts, and three regional operations commands (ROCs). The PSA is the smallest geographical subdivision of the city; its size and shape usually follow neighborhood and natural boundaries.

Every resident lives in a PSA and every PSA has a team of police officers and officials assigned to it. Residents should get to know their PSA team and learn how to work with them to fight crime and disorder in their neighborhoods. Cluster 39 is within PSAs 701, 703, 704, 705, 707, and 710, which are located within the Seventh District.



Furthermore, cluster 39 has no community groups that compliment the Metropolitan Police Department.

## **2. Heat Wave**

### **A. District Information that pertains to cluster:**

The government of the District of Columbia implements a heat emergency plan when the heat index reaches 95 degrees Fahrenheit. The heat index is an accurate measure of how hot it really feels when the effects of humidity are added to high temperature. The DC Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with other city and private agencies developed the city's heat plan.

#### **Key components of the city's heat plan include:**

1. Activation of street showers in selected locations.
2. Opening of cooling centers in senior citizen facilities, District government buildings and other locations.
3. Extension of public swimming pool hours.
4. Distribution of fans to special needs populations

#### **1). Street Showers:**

During a heat emergency, street showers will be activated at DC Housing Authority (DCHA) facilities and public locations.

##### **Facility**

East Capitol Dwellings  
Lincoln Heights  
Hopkins Apartments  
Carrollsborg  
Garfield Terrace  
Park Morton  
Benning Terrace  
Public Locations:

##### **Address**

140 57th Place, SE  
223 51st St., NE (front)  
1000 12th St., SE (rear)  
4th and L Streets, SE  
2381 11th St., NW (front)  
620 Morton St., NW  
605 46th Place, SE  
21st and I Streets, NE  
901 21st St., NE (front)

#### **2). Cooling Centers**



During heat emergencies, United Planning Organization vans will canvass various areas throughout the city to identify persons suffering from the heat and transport them to cooling centers. Persons who need transportation to cooling centers can call the hypothermia hotline at (202) 399-7093.

### **District Facilities**

#### **Facility**

One Judiciary Square  
Frank D. Reeves Center  
King Office Building

CCH/Friendship Place  
Georgetown Ministries  
Rachael's Women Center  
4th District Police Station  
Chevy Chase Recreation Center  
1st Congregational Church

#### **Address**

441 4th St., NW  
2000 14th St., NW (lobby)  
3720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave,  
SE (lobby)  
4713 Wisconsin Ave., NW  
4713 Wisconsin Ave., NW  
1222 11th St., NW  
6001 Georgia Ave., NW  
5601 Connecticut Ave., NW  
945 G St., NW

### **Emergency Homeless Facilities**

#### **Facility**

Home of Ruth/Madison Facility (women)  
Crummell Trailer (men)  
Emery Trailer (men)  
La Casa Trailer (men)  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Trailer (men)  
Randall Shelter (men)

#### **Address**

651 10th St., NE  
1912 Gallaudet St., NE  
1725 Lincoln Road, NE  
1436 Irving St., NW  
2700 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave. SE  
1st and I Streets, SW

### **DC Housing Authority Senior Citizens Cooling Sites**

Seniors who live in non-air-conditioned buildings are encouraged to go to an air-conditioned senior center or other public facility.

#### **Facility**

#### **Address**



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Arthur Capper	601 L St., SE
Capitol View	5901 East Capitol St., SE
Carroll Apartments	410 M St., SE
Fort Lincoln	2855 Bladensburg Road, NE
Garfield	2301 11th St., NW
Horizon House	1150 12th St., NW
James Apartments	1425 N St., NW
Knox Hill	2700 Jasper St., SE
LeDroit	234 W St., NW
Sibley Plaza	1140 North Capitol St., NW
Regency House	5201 Connecticut Ave., NW

### **Cooling Centers within the Senior Service Network**

#### **Facility**

#### **Address**

##### WARD 1

Barney Senior Center	1737 Columbia Road, NW
Campbell Heights Senior Nutrition Center	2001 15th St., NW

##### WARD 2

EOFULA Spanish Senior Center	1844 Columbia Road, NW
Columbia Senior Center	1250 Taylor St., NW
Asbury Dwellings Senior Program	1616 Marion St., NW
Asian Senior Center	477 G Place, NW
St. Mary's Court Senior Program	725 24th St., NW
Washington Urban League Senior Center for the Homeless	1310 Vermont Ave., NW

##### WARD 3

Adas Israel Senior Program	2850 Quebec St., NW
Breckinridge Center	4125 Albemarle St., NW
St. Albans Senior Program	Massachusetts and Wisconsin avenues, NW

##### WARD 4

Christian Reformed Church	5911 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Colony House	930 Farragut St., NW
First Baptist Senior Center	715 Randolph St., NW
Ft. Stevens Recreation Center	1327 Van Buren St., NW
Kennedy Street Senior Program	504 Kennedy St., NW

##### WARD 5

Bethesda Baptist Church	1808 Capitol Ave., NE
Israel Baptist Church Senior Program	1251 Saratoga Ave., NE
Model Cities Senior Wellness Center	1901 Evar St., NE

##### WARD 6

Capitol Hill Towers Senior Program	900 G St., NE
Extended Services to Blind/Visually Impaired Senior Center at Logan	2800 Newton St., NE



School	
Greater Washington Urban League	2900 Newton St., NE
Hearing Impaired Senior Center	
<u>WARD 7</u>	
Allen House Senior Program	3760 Minnesota Ave., NE
Dwelling Place Senior Center	2812 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
KEMP Senior Center	4300 Anacostia Ave., NE
Michaux Senior Center	3700 Hayes St., NE
Phillip T. Johnson Senior Center, First	4323 Bowen Road, SE
United Methodist Church	
St. Timothy Senior Program	3601 Alabama Ave., SE
Washington Senior Wellness Center	3001 Alabama Ave., SE
Emergency Shelter for the Abused, Exploited or Neglected Elderly	2812 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, 2nd floor
<u>WARD 8</u>	
Claiborne Senior Program	2632 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave., SE
Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center	3500 Martin Luther King, Jr., Ave., SE
Knox Hill Senior Program	2700 Jasper St., SE
Senior Citizens Counseling and Delivery	2451 Good Hope Road, SE

### **3). Fans for Special Needs Populations:**

The DC Energy Office, through its Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, has a limited number of fans for distribution to District households that meet the following criteria:

1. Have at least one member age 5 or below, or;
2. Have at least one member age 60 or above, or;
3. Have at last one member who has a documented respiratory condition or a statement from a doctor or medical facility describing a need for some type of cooling assistance.

Eligible households must also meet the federal income guidelines for energy assistance. For more information, contact the DC Energy Office Hotline at (202) 673-6750.

## **B. Cluster Specific Information**





Cluster specific information, such as locations of neighborhood cooling centers:

N/A

### 3. Emergency Sheltering Program

#### A. District Information that pertains to cluster:

When conditions warrant, the DC Emergency Management agency will operate the established community-based emergency shelters for residents. Persons needing shelter are asked to bring clothing and sanitary supplies, pre-filled prescriptions and other medical needs, denture and eye care materials, and special dietary supplies or requirements. With the exception of guided dogs, pets are not permitted in the shelters.

#### District Emergency Shelters

##### WARD 1

Banneker Senior  
High School  
800 Euclid St, NW  
Washington, DC  
20001

Reed Elementary  
School  
2200 Champlain St.,  
NW  
Washington, DC  
20009

##### WARD 2

Francis Junior High  
School  
2425 N St., NW  
Washington, DC  
20001

Terrell Junior High  
School  
1000 1st St., NW  
Washington, DC  
20001

##### WARD 3

Chevy Chase  
Community Center  
5601 Connecticut  
Ave., NW  
Washington, DC  
20015

Filmore/Hardy  
1819 35th St., NW  
Washington, DC  
20007

Wilson Senior High  
School  
3950 Chesapeake  
St., NW  
Washington, DC  
20016

##### WARD 4

Roosevelt Senior  
High School  
4301 13th St., NW  
Washington, DC  
20011

Coolidge High  
School  
6315 5th St, NW  
Washington, DC  
20011

##### WARD 5

##### WARD 6

##### WARD 7

##### WARD 8



Browne Junior High School 850 26th St, NE Washington, DC 20002	Eastern High School 1700 East Capitol St., NE Washington, DC 20003	Woodson High School 5500 Eads St., NE Washington, DC 20019	Ballou Senior High School 3401 4th St., SE Washington, DC 20032
Taft Junior High School 1800 Perry St, NE Washington, DC 20018	Brent Elementary School 330 3rd St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Winston Elementary School 3100 Erie St., SE Washington, DC 20020	Wilkinson Elementary School 2330 Pomeroy Rd., SE Washington, DC 20020
Langdon Park Recreation Center. 2901 20th St, NE Washington, DC 20018	DC Center for Therapeutic Recreation 3030 G St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Kenilworth Parkside Recreation Center 4300 Anacostia Ave., NE Washington, DC 20019	
Wheatly Recreation Center 1200 Morse St, NE Washington, DC 20002			

#### **B. Cluster Specific Information:**

Cluster 39 made the recommendation that the list of schools and recreation centers identified earlier in the CEMP be evaluated for their use as shelters in an emergency.

- Congress Heights Recreation Center, 3210 Savannah St, SE
- Ferebee Hope Recreation Center, 8<sup>th</sup> and Yuma St, NW
- Fort Greble Recreation Center, 200 Chesapeake St, SE
- Hart Recreation Center, 601 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Patricia Harris Recreation Center, 4600 Livingston Rd, SE



- Ballou Senior High School, 3401 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SE
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- Simon Elementary School, 401 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Terrell Elementary School, 301 Wheeler Road, SE
- St. Thomas Moore
- Assumption

Shelters should be located in facilities that:

1. Have adequate capacity. Multiply the number of people expected to be sheltered at the facility by 40 square feet (20 square feet in an extreme emergency) to determine the size of the sleeping area required for the shelter.
2. Can provide for the evacuees' basic needs (e.g., a facility with a kitchen, toilets, showers, areas for sleeping, generator).
3. Are free of building and fire code violations.
4. Do not have vulnerable building features, such as:
  - a) First floor lower than the FIRM base elevation.
  - b) Long, open roof spans.
  - c) Excessive overhangs.
  - d) Large glass areas.
  - e) Construction of un-reinforced masonry.
  - f) Do not contain stored hazardous materials.

Intermediate and high schools are usually good choices for shelters because they can accommodate a large number of people and have a broader range of facilities



than other structures. Church facilities may be a good choice for short-term sheltering because they are normally used only one or two days each week and usually have well-equipped kitchens and available staff, but typically have limited restroom and shower facilities.

## **4. Emergency Communications**

### **A. District Information**

#### **1. Radio and TV:**

Getting information during an emergency situation is vital. Radio and television stations provide the quickest means to obtain information. If you have electrical power and cable television, turn to the DC Government cable channels, 13 and 16, for frequent updates. Have a battery-operated radio tuned to a local all-news or talk-radio station. For the District of Columbia the following station has been designated the primary Emergency Alerting System (EAS) radio station: WTOP (1500 AM). Consider purchasing a battery-operated weather alert radio.

#### **2. Emergency Service Sites (ESS)**

In the event people are unable to contact the police because of telephone or electricity failures, the Metropolitan Police Department will have more than 125 Emergency Service Sites (ESS) situated throughout the District – in fire stations, community centers, local businesses, and other locations.

People can go to their nearest ESS to report a crime or to request any other type of public safety assistance. There will be a minimum of one ESS in each police service area; many police service areas (PSAs) will have several sites.

PSA	Site Address	Name	Type	Phone #
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701	16 <sup>th</sup> & Good Hope Rd, SE	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Church	
703	2700 MLK Ave, SE	St. Elizabeth	Hospital	562-4000
704	Stanton Rd and Alabama Ave, SE	Turner Elementary	School	
705	15 <sup>th</sup> and Mississippi, SE	Green Elementary	School	
707	Wheeler and Barnaby, SE	Shopping Center	Stores	562-2100
710	4801 MLK Ave, SW	Hadley	Hospital	

## 5. Food

Cluster 39 has identified facilities that could serve food in an emergency. These facilities have capability to store food and in most cases, also have a preparation area and service area that is appropriate for its intended use according to established public health regulations and requirements.

- Rehoboth Baptist Senior Center

Cluster 39 also made the recommendation of using the recreation centers and schools identified earlier in the CEMP for serving food in an emergency.

- Congress Heights Recreation Center, 3210 Savannah St, SE
- Ferebee Hope Recreation Center, 8<sup>th</sup> and Yuma St, NW
- Fort Greble Recreation Center, 200 Chesapeake St, SE
- Hart Recreation Center, 601 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Patricia Harris Recreation Center, 4600 Livingston Rd, SE
- Ballou Senior High School, 3401 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SE
- Patricia Harris Elementary School, 4600 Livingston Rd, SE
- Hart Middle School, 601 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Draper Elementary School, 908 Wahler Place, SE
- Ferebee-hope Elementary School, 3999 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE
- Green Elementary School, 1500 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Hendley Elementary School, 425 Chesapeake St, SE
- King Elementary School, 3200 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SE
- Leckie Elementary School, 4200 MLK Ave, SW
- Malcolm X Elementary School, 1351 Alabama Ave, SE
- Mcgogney Elementary School, 3400 Wheeler Road, SE
- Patterson Elementary School, 4399 S. Capitol Terrace, SW
- Simon Elementary School, 401 Mississippi Ave, SE
- Terrell Elementary School, 301 Wheeler Road, SE



- St. Thomas Moore
- Assumption

## **6. Bulk Distribution Sites**

Cluster 39 has identified facilities that could serve as bulk distribution sites would be used for storing goods and materials such as bottled water, ice, tarps, rolls of plastic, work gloves, latex gloves, trash bags, other items.

- Old 7<sup>th</sup> District Police Department
- Old Congress Heights
- Parkside Apartments – Valley and Wheeler
- Old Tennis Courts – Mississippi and Wheeler

Cluster 39 has also made the recommendation of using the recreation centers and schools identified earlier in the CEMP to be evaluated for their facilities to be used as bulk distribution sites in an emergency.

- See above

## **7. Pets and Animals in Disasters**

Within Cluster 39 there are few facilities to support pets in disasters. This further highlights the need for individuals to make prior arrangements for their pets if they are ordered to evacuate in an emergency. Those facilities that were identified to lend support during an emergency are as possible shelters are:

- Parkside Apartments – Valley and Wheeler
- Old Congress Heights

## **8. METRO**

Congress Heights

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Alabama Ave. at 13<sup>th</sup> St., SE